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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 AUG 0 2 2004 29 22, effective on May 29, 2000,

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/996,789					
Confirmation Number	4578					
Filing Date	November 30, 2001					
First Named Inventor	Dorron LEVY					
Group Art Unit	2857					
Examiner Name	Hal D. Wachsman					
Matter Number	Q66130					
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. 

□ Previously submitted Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 i. 🗆 previously filed on Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. 🗆 iii. 🗆 Other b. Enclosed i. ☑ Amendment/Reply ii. □ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Petition for Extension of Time iv. 🗹 Other Excess Claim Fee Letter v. 🗹 2. MISCELLANEOUS Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a a. 🗆 period of months Other b. 🗆 3. FEES A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below: WASHINGTON OFFICE 08/03/2004 CCHAU1 00000020 09996789 23373 CUSTOMER NUMBER SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY Registration No. 32,156 Name William H. Mandir Kelly G. Hyndman Reg. No. 37,234 Date August 2, 2004 Signature

### PATENT APPLICATION

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q66130

Dorron LEVY, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/996,789

Group Art Unit: 2857

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# AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

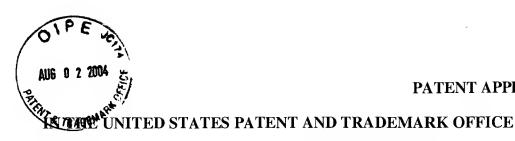
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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#### EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Previously Paic For	i					
All Claims	52	-	40	=	12	X	\$18.00	=	\$216.00
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